



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

February 17, 2026
2:30 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

MINUTES

A. Meeting Call to Order

Ms. Durham called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.
Present: Durham, Caneco, Smiley, Kilpatrick, Toole, Carter, Johns, Hollins,
Online: George, Street, Cartier
Absent: Tackett, Sheldon

B. Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2026

Mr. Smiley motioned to approve the minutes of January 20, 2026
Seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick
Motion passed.

C. Boards & Commissions Interview

APPOINTING DAVID PERRINO TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

Ms. Durham introduced Mr. Perrino's nomination to the Board of Assessment Review.
Ms. Durham noted that this board has been short a few members and thanked him for his willingness to serve.
Mr. Perrino commented that the recent reassessment by Tyler Technologies was of interest to him and an opportunity to get involved in this board presented itself.
He spoke to his history of living in DE and his interest in getting more involved.
Mr. Carter thanked him for his volunteerism and noted the work load involved.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW KELLY TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

Ms. Durham introduced Mr. Kelly's nomination.
Ms. Kilpatrick had an email exchange with Mr. Kelly and is happy to support this nomination.
Ms. Durham thanked him for his involvement.
Mr. Kelly introduced himself and noted that he was a social worker with the division of aging for DE.
He looks forward to bringing his lived experience and knowledge of the justice system to this board.
Mr. Caneco asked what his interest was in criminal justice reform and why he would like to serve on this board?
Mr. Kelly responded that he believes it's important from the social perspective of today's climate.
He said it was important to bridge the gap between the police and the public.
Mr. Street asked why there were so many vacancies on the PAB.
He followed with a question as to why someone in his district who applied for this board didn't receive a response.

He said it wreaks of mischief, but "you all do what you want to do."

Ms. Kilpatrick said that she hopes the board is moving along and things are more smooth.

She noted that she put in \$40k for training for this board which was not used and the board did not go to training.

This could explain some of the vacancies because they didn't know what they were there to do.

Ms. Durham pointed out that over the years she has advocated for more seats to be appointed by County Council.

This wouldn't affect the current slate of nominees but it could be something Council talks about in the future.

Mr. Cartier noted that 70% of the appointees are through the CE office.

Ms. Kilpatrick said that the previous discussion didn't relate to his nomination.

Mr. Smiley joked that Kelly had the topic for his first meeting.

Mr. Hollins also joked that he hoped the candidate didn't change his mind.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KERWIN GAINES, MBA TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

Ms. Durham introduced this nomination.

Mr. Caneco noted that he was excited for this nomination and that he has been very involved in the MOT community.

He recalled that he and Mr. Gaines were at Aberdeen PG together and didn't know each other.

Mr. Gaines was grateful for the consideration he's received for this appointment.

He noted that he's a strong supporter of the police and that he was a State Police Cadet for three years and has been in the intelligence field for the past 23 years at the Fed level.

His interest in the board was sparked by an incident on Route 40 during which a woman was dragged from her car.

Research he said was important to understand why Law Enforcement is doing what they're doing.

He would like to be a proponent for the community.

He also pointed out that he knows Roberts Rules and that he serves on two state committees.

He elaborated on the importance of training and noted that he is very accountable to his city, state, and county.

Ms. Johns thanked him for his willingness to serve and his compassion for the community and his dedication to justice.

Ms. Durham thanked him.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH R. WOODS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

Ms. Durham introduced the nomination of Mr. Woods.

Mr. Hollins pointed out his experience with Mr. Woods and his father.

He unconditionally supports this nomination.

Mr. Woods expressed gratitude that Mr. Henry reached out to him for this position.

He wanted to help this administration in some way.

It's been very near and dear to him, the PAB

He elaborated on this experience with the City, County, and State Police.

He noted that being a former elected Councilman, he has a certain necessary perspective.

He said that we do need some reform in policing but he doesn't know what they might look like

Mr. Caneco thanked him for his service on CC and for his willingness to serve on this board.

He asked why he wants to serve on this board.

Woods noted that he sees what goes on in the world and wants to be sure the worst of what he sees doesn't happen in NCC.

Mr. Toole commented that he is pleased that Woods wants to come back and serve the community.

He said that he attends PAB meetings and particularly enjoys the research subcommittee.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF NURELDEEN STOREY TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

Mr. Hollins introduced this nominee's background and some experience and welcomed him to CC.

Mr. Storey noted that he is very new to the community and a recent IRS retiree.

He pointed out that he has experience working with the first judicial district in Philadelphia and law enforcement in general.

He noted that there needs to be more understanding from both sides when it comes to the police and the public.

A relationship needs to be built between those particular factions.

He said that if this committee wants to make things better for the community, then he looks forward to his work on the committee.

Mr. Carter thanked him for his willingness to serve and that Council wants to hear the recommendations from this committee.

Mr. Caneco said that Mr. Storey answered his standard question in his opening remarks.

He also thanked Mr. Storey for his comment about "checking the box" and the need to consider the public and the police's perspective.

Ms. Kilpatrick said this is a board that needs to have some hard discussions on both sides.

Ms. Johns echoed the need to bridge the gap.

Mr. Carter asked whether there is a quantifiable way for community to feel safe.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KAY FITZGERALD TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

Ms. George introduced the nomination of Kay Fitzgerald.

She noted that she was very encouraged by what she heard from other PAB nominees.

Ms. Fitzgerald is an Alumnus of the Citizens Police Academy.

She brings that experience to the board.

Ms. Fitzgerald thought this position would be a great opportunity and a good fit.

Her day job and education have prepared her for this committee position.

Feels strongly to give a voice both the community and the police department.

Mr. Caneco asked about their interest in serving.

She responded that she feels strongly about reforms being made.

Ms. Johns expressed her excitement that the nominee is a woman.

D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN EVANS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

Mr. Smiley introduced the nomination and thanked him for serving again.

Mr. Toole commented on some of this accomplishments and expressed gratitude for his willingness to serve again.

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DR. JENNA D'IELEUTERIO TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

Ms. Durham expressed her pleasure at Dr. D'Eleuterio's willingness to serve.

Mr. Toole echoed that sentiment.

Mr. Carter has spoken to her about performance measures and police reform.

Ms. Johns wanted to be a co-sponsor

Mr. Cartier also wanted to be a co-sponsor and was pleased that she wants to serve again.

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN GRIESHABER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE INSPECTION AND REVIEW

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

Ms. Durham introduced the nomination and expressed her support.

CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JAMES "RAY" RHODES TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

Ms. Durham introduced the renomination of MR. Rhodes.

Mr. Toole was also gratified at the willingness to serve again.

Mr. Hollins noted that he knows Mr. Rhodes personally and attends his church frequently.

Ms. Johns wanted to be a co-sponsor and asked that this be verified in chambers.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JARRET "POSI" HARRIS TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon

Ms. Durham introduced the nomination of Jarret Harris.

Mr. Smiley pointed out that the resolution said this was a new appointment.

Ms. Durham and Mr. Smiley discussed how this should appear on the Council agenda.

Mr. Smiley noted the language in the resolution calling this a reappointment.

E. Other

Ms. Johns asked for clarification of co-sponsors for these nominations.

Ms. Durham noted that it's just been tradition that the district Councilperson was the only sponsor.

Mr. Hollins said that the chair has this responsibility.

Ms. Durham said that she intended to send an email to the Clerk requesting that these be added.

Johns said that co-sponsorship request were done on the floor

Mr. Carter pointed out that co-sponsorships are between the co-sponsor and the sponsor, not the committee chair.

F. Public Comment

Rob Bullock asked a question about the PAB regarding whether Council ever received that board's recommendation.

And does the board have to start over because of the wholesale replacement of the board members?

G. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Smiley.

Second by Mr. Carter.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM